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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

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SUBJ: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

1. BASED LARGELY ON PROPOSALS OF CHILE AND KENYA, AFTER SOME RESISTENCE BY FRANCE, SOME LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGES STATES, AND IRAQ, THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE TO INDICATE THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED: (1) THE CONFERENCE SHOULD HOLD ANOTHER SESSION IN NEW YORK IN 1977 FOR SEVEN WEEKS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING IT TO EIGHT WEEKS; (2) THE SESSION SHOULD START ON EITHER 16, 23, OR 30 MAY; (3) THE FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF THE SESSION SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO MATTERS BEING DEALT WITH BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE TO ENABLE THAT COMMITTEE TO REACH THE SAME STAGE AS THE OTHER TWO COMMITTEES, BUT OTHER MEETINGS SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED PROVIDED THAT THERE WAS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE FIRST COMMITTEE AND WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS IN THAT COMMITTEE'S WORK; (4) DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS OF THE SESSION, THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES SHOULD MEET ALONG WITH THE FIRST; (5) DIS-
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CUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN PLENARY MEETINGS ON THE

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AS WELL AS FORMAL DISCUSSION ON THE PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES OF THE CONVENTION; (6) IN THE SIXTH WEEK THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES SHOULD PREPARE AN INFORMAL SINGLE COMPOSITE TEXT, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PREPARE A DRAFT CONVENTION, ON WHICH IT SHOULD ACT IF POSSIBLY BY CONSENSUS AND WITHOUT RESORT TO VOTING.

2. AS REGARDS INTER-SESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OR INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS SHOULD ORGANIZE SUCH CONSULTATIONS IF THEY WISHED TO DO SO. THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD INFORM ALL MEMBERS AND SHOULD TRANSMIT THE RESULTS OF ANY SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS.

3. EVENSEN IS PLANNING TO ARRANGE AN INTERSESSIONAL MEETING EARLY NEXT YEAR ON COMMITTEE I PROBLEMS, AND APPARENTLY HAS ENGO'S ACQUIESCENCE IF NOT SUPPORT. AGUILAR HAS MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN CARACAS ON COMMITTEE II PROBLEMS.
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